

MASILONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



OVERSIGHT REPORT 2014/15 ANNUAL REPORT

THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to table the Oversight Report on the 2014/15 Annual Report, and provide comments and recommendations to Council in terms of section 129(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (ACT No. 56 of 2003)

AUTHORITY

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee is a committee of council, established in terms of section 33 and section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act (no 117 of 1998).

The municipal Public Accounts Committee is constituted as follows:

- Chairperson – Councilor N.G. Mafa
- Councilor M.M. Kholumo
- Councillor J.B. Pienaar
- Councillor Y. Majara
- Councillor S.C. Mangoejane
- Councillor K.A. Sekharume

BACKGROUND

Section 129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act requires that "Every municipality must for each financial year prepare an annual report in accordance with section 121(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act. That Council of a municipality by no later than two months from the date on which the Annual Report was tabled before council in terms of section 127 of the Municipal Finance Management Act must adopt the oversight report containing council's comments on the Annual Report."

Prior to tabling before Council, the draft Annual Report was submitted to Auditor General on the 18th January 2016 for perusal and quality check. Gaps and weaknesses identified by the Auditor General were addressed before delivery to stakeholders and community. Comments from Auditor General were received on the 20th January 2016.

Masilonyana Local Municipal Annual Report 2014/15 was tabled at Theunissen in an Ordinary Council Meeting which was held on the 22nd January 2016.

On the 25th of January 2016 a public notice was advertised in the local newspaper inviting members of the public to make inputs or suggestions within a period of 21 days. The public notices were also published in all public libraries, municipal buildings in all five units as well as the public comments forms.

All comments forms were collected from all Units, Libraries and Head Office on the 26th February 2016.

Thereafter the Annual Report was submitted to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee to consider and make further recommendations.

EXPOSITION OF FACTS

In considering Masilonyana Annual Report the MPAC considered the following official supporting documents of the municipality.

- INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014/15
- MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2014/15
- MUNICIPAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2014/15
- MFMA CIRCULAR NUMBER 32 OVERSIGHT REPORT
- MFMA CIRCULAR NUMBER 63 ANNUAL REPORT UPDATES

During the Municipal Public Accounts Committee meeting the municipal officials appeared before the committee meeting to provide an account of the contents of the 2014/15 Municipal Annual Report. To this date there was or has not been any written or verbal inputs received from members of public and municipal public accounts committee except from the following institution:

- The Auditor General's Office

Minutes of the MPAC are attached for formal record of the proceedings in accordance section 129(2) (b) of the Municipal Finance Management Act. Please see the attached Auditor General Comments for details on specific matters identified on the Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

The MPAC recommends as follows:

- That Council adopts the report without reservations.



N.G. Mafa

Chairperson: MPAC Oversight Committee